## STATE of WISCONSIN



WHEREAS; Wisconsin's dairy industry has an annual economic impact of \$43 billion and employs nearly 80,000 people; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's nearly 1,200 cheesemakers produce more than 600 varieties of cheeses; and

WHEREAS; state cheesemakers produce more than three billion pounds of cheese per year, ranking Wisconsin as the top cheese-producing state in the nation; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin exports of dairy, including cheese, totaled more than \$297 million in 2017, a 19.9 percent increase over 2016; and

WHEREAS; cheese has been declared the official dairy product of the State of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin earned 47 gold medals at the 2018 World Championship Cheese Contest;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim Monday, June 25, 2018 as

## CHEESE DAY

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.



By the Governor:

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June 2018.

SCOTT WALKER GOVERNOR

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE Secretary of State